


**Oriole Mine Site
CERCLA Clean-Up Project**

Community Relations Plan

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OVERVIEW

Cascade Earth Sciences (CES), under contract to the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service), has prepared an Engineering Evaluation / Cost Analysis (EECA) for completing a non-time-critical removal action related to metal contamination at the Oriole Mine (Site). The Site is an abandoned lead and zinc mine located in the Colville National Forest, approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Metaline, Washington. The EECA is being performed by the Forest Service under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) cleanup authorities [42 USC 9604(a) and 7 CFR 2.60(m)] and Federal Executive Order 12580. The EECA has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan," 40 CFR 300.415(b)(4)(i). The purpose of the EECA is to evaluate and determine risks to human health and the environment, and to select an alternative to minimize or eliminate the risks associated with the release of a hazardous substance into the environment or impact on public health and welfare as outlined in 40 CFR 300.415(b)(2)(i)-(viii).

Site Description

The Site is located in the Colville National Forest in Pend Oreille County, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Metaline, Washington. According to the USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map -Metaline Falls (USGS, 1992), the Site location is as follows:

- Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 43 East of the Willamette Principal Meridian
- Latitude – 48° 51' 37"
- Longitude – 117° 24' 50"
- Elevation – 2,760 to 3,000 feet above mean sea level (amsl)

Access to the Site is from the Town of Metaline and State Highway 31 by following Boundary Road (County Road 2975) to Oriole Road (Forest Road 411), then following Oriole Road west on Linton Creek across the transmission line clearing to Forest Road 2740. The remaining ¼-mile access to the Site on Forest Road 2740 is extremely rough and requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Approximately two acres are disturbed and the Site is inactive.

The Site is situated near the base of the southeast flank of Linton Mountain. Linton Creek, a tributary of the Pend Oreille River, borders the Site on the southeast. Linton Creek originates approximately one mile uphill from the Site where it flows east and adjacent to the Site, and eventually discharges to the Pend Oreille River approximately 1.5 miles downstream from the

Site. The Site is primarily within a Douglas-fir/trembling aspen forested community and immediately adjacent to a wetland/riparian community.

Three main adits are associated with the Site. The caved uppermost adit is likely the Discovery Adit. There are two exploration trenches and two short unnamed adits on contour with the Discovery Adit. The two main lower adits (referred to as Upper Adit and Lower Adit) were the primary production workings; the Lower Adit appears to be the primary haulage route.

A three-foot diameter corrugated metal culvert was observed at the Discovery Adit and the Lower Adit; all three main adits are blocked with bat-friendly gates. Several other trenches and a small unnamed adit are located on the south side of Linton Creek, which appear to be exploration workings. Small waste rock piles are associated with these workings. A dilapidated building, likely the former office or residence, is located 800 feet northeast of the Site on Forest Road 2740. Waste rock pile 1 (WR1) is located adjacent to the Upper Adit and is 80 feet wide and 110 feet long, with an estimated volume of 4,400 bank cubic yards (bcy). Waste rock pile 2 (WR2) is located adjacent to the Lower Adit and is 150 feet wide and 100 feet long, with an estimated volume of 11,000 bcy. On the north side of WR2 is a short overgrown access road, which appears to be the haul road to the dilapidated log ore bin. Ore Pile 1 (OP1) consists of the log ore bin and waste rock and ore that were spilled during transport. It measures 35 feet wide by 75 feet long, with an estimated volume of 800 bcy (100 bcy of which is located inside the log ore bin). Located immediately northeast of OP1 is Ore Pile 2 (OP2), which is small and appears to be a mixture of ore and debris. The estimated volume of OP2 is 30 bcy. The total volume of waste rock and ore at the Site is estimated at 16,230 bcy.

Water discharges from the Lower Adit, flows over WR2, and eventually infiltrates into soil near the access road. During field investigations conducted by CES, there was no evidence of historical flow from the Upper Adit or any of the exploration workings. An Unnamed Creek discharges into Linton Creek 0.5 mile above the confluence with the Pend Oreille River. During field activities, portions of Linton Creek were not flowing while other portions appear to be perennial. The Town of Metaline drinking water intake is located in the unnamed creek, immediately upstream of the confluence with Linton Creek.

Site History

Little information is available regarding the operational history of the Site. However, *Inventory of Washington Minerals* (Hunting, 1956) and *Metal Mines of Washington* (Derkey et al., 1990) provide the following chronological listing of mine ownership:

- 1907 – Oriole Mining & Milling Co.
- 1911-1922 – Metaline Oriole Mining Co.
- 1922-1924 – Metaline Minerals Co.
- 1935 – Frank Schultz
- 1942 – W.L. Schultz
- 1953 – Arthur Betchart and E.O. Dressel, Jr.

The first recorded production of zinc in Washington was from the Site in 1911 (Hunting, 1956). There is recorded production for 1911, 1912, 1925, 1926, and 1953. However, production for each year is not reported in the referenced reports, but rather totaled as “*up to 2,000 tons up to 1942 with assays on smelter returns on a carload of picked ore: 42.1 oz/ton silver; 21.9% zinc; 15.3% lead, 1.12% copper*” (Hunting, 1956). Mr. Tony Belmonte, a local historian (Lentz, 2005), indicated that in the early 1950s a small ball mill and flotation cell bank were used at the Site for one season and five truck loads of concentrates were shipped. The tailings were reportedly deposited between the mill and Linton Creek.

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Community Profile

The nearest town to the Site is Metaline, Washington, located approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest. Metaline is located on the western shore of the Pend Oreille River, one of the few rivers in the United States that flows north. The population of Metaline was recorded as 162 during the 2000 Census with the main employment for residents of Metaline listed as Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (29.6%); Educational, Health and Social Services (24.1%) and Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining (13%). These percentages may have changed since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security established an office for Customs and Border Protection in Metaline and the Pend Oreille Mine (located approximately three miles north of Metaline) reopened.

The Town of Metaline has been described as the “oldest white settlement” in Pend Oreille County and was named for the many metals found in the lower Pend Oreille River valley. Early historic use of the area is documented in the written record through mining claim and homestead records. Beginning in the 1850s, placer gold miners worked their way down the Pend Oreille River and its side streams. A man referred to as “Uncle Johnny” Everett and his associates have been credited with a gold strike in 1859 which brought about the start of the community of Metaline. The town of Metaline subsequently served as a placer gold camp in the late 1850s and early 1860s. Several early placer mining properties have been documented in the area. By the 1880s, hard rock mining operations were on going in the hills above the river.

The U.S. Geological Survey established a Spokane Field Office in 1942 to facilitate the Strategic Minerals Program during World War II. Work conducted under this program established the existence of a major zinc-lead ore body at Metaline (USGS, 2000). Lead and zinc deposits were subsequently mined during the war.

Homesteading along this part of the Pend Oreille River began in the 1890s and continued through the 1920s. Homesteading was accompanied by intensive logging activities, which ranged from the small family mills in the early years, to major lumber company operations that involved extensive flume, rail and mill systems. By the mid-1920s, the accumulated build-up of slash on the forest floor from these operations resulted in a series of large and disastrous forest fires. The consequence was an economic depression in the area that is still felt.

The Pend Oreille River is the most dominant feature in Pend Oreille County. Land development along the river corridor has increased in recent years. The communities of Metaline and Metaline Falls are the northern most population centers in Pend Oreille County. The county has a total population of approximately 11,604 (1999 Census Bureau estimate).

Chronology of Community Involvement and Project Awareness

The Colville National Forest has maintained good working relationships with local County and City representatives. In general these entities have found compatible and often complimentary positions when dealing with controversial issues.

Prior to development of this Community Relations Plan there has been little contact with local governmental agencies concerning the Oriole Mine site. This plan identifies actions to involve local officials and alert the general public, including specific user groups, of the potential hazardous conditions now known to exist at the site and planned clean-up actions.

The Colville National Forest completed an Abbreviated Preliminary Assessment (APA) in June 2004. The APA was performed by the Forest Service in accordance with the EPA "Guidance for Performing Preliminary Assessments Under CERCLA", EPA "Improving Site Assessment: Abbreviated Preliminary Assessments" of 1999, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, and the National Contingency Plan as outlined in 40 CFR Parts 300.410(c)(1)(i-v). The purpose of the assessment was to determine whether or not there was a potential for a release of contaminants to the environment and/or to human health. The purpose of an APA is to determine whether further site characterization is warranted.

A copy of the report was posted to Colville National Forest website.

The Forest Service retained CES to perform a Site Inspection (SI) at the Site. The SI was performed in accordance to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publication, *Guidance for Performing Site Inspections under CERCLA* (EPA, 1992). The purpose of the SI is to determine the potential threat to human health and the environment from issues identified during the APA conducted by the Forest Service at the Site. The work was performed under an existing five-year Forest Service Contract (#10181-1-D007) and in accordance with the Task Order #53-05G1-3-0310.

The primary objectives of the SI were to: (1) assess the immediate or potential threat that (mining) wastes pose to human health and/or the environment, and (2) collect sufficient information to support a decision regarding the need for further action. The information was collected in general accordance with CERCLA protocols and documentation requirements for assessments involving hazardous substances. Specifically, as outlined in the EPA CERCLA guidance document (EPA, 1992), "the sampling locations are strategically planned to identify the substances present, determine whether hazardous substances are being released to the environment, and determine whether hazardous substances have impacted specific targets." The SI field activities included sampling and analysis of soil, waste rock, plant tissue, surface water,

and sediment samples from the Site and vicinity. This SI was performed following the Field Operation Plan (FOP) developed by CES, and approved by the Forest Service. The FOP was developed based on the Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation (PA/SI) of the Lower Pend Oreille River Mines and Mills completed by the EPA (EPA, 2002) and the Statement of Work (SOW) provided by the Forest Service in the request for proposals.

Key Community Concerns

Currently community concerns about possible contamination at the Oriole Mine site is nearly nonexistent. Very few people are aware that a problem may exist. Much of the general public does not recognize that historic mining sites may contribute to a potential public health hazard. The bulk of the mining activity occurred before most of the current population was born and there are no known reports of people having suffered adverse health conditions tied to this site.

As the Community Relations Plan is implemented, the public will become informed of potential contamination at the site. There may be individuals and organizations that will become more interested and involved as they learn of this situation. As cleanup efforts are implemented at the site, additional concerns may surface due to the impact those actions may have on the environment.

The popularity of abandoned mine sites for exploration is common in the area. Many people enjoy exploring these sites and reflecting on the way the pioneers of this area lived. Others have found opportunity to camp and picnic at some of these sites because they offer open, relatively flat areas away from crowded recreation facilities. Some mine sites are very popular riding areas for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts. As clean-up activities occur the site may experience increased interest from curious local residents.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN

The community relations program for Oriole Mine is intended to allow Forest users and adjacent communities to learn about and participate in the clean-up effort, without unduly alarming the community about present potential hazards. To be effective, the community relations program must present the project in the light of “a real need to take action” for the benefit of the environment and Forest users, recognizing the impacts it might impose on certain recreational and historic values.

The community relations program provides the following approaches:

1. Enlist the support and participation of local officials in coordinating community relations activities. Appropriate officials to involve in the community relations program include the Pend Oreille County Commissioners; Mayors and City Councils of Ione, Metaline, and Metaline Falls; and Northeast Tri-County Health District officials. To enlist the support of these officials, an orientation meeting(s) will be requested by the Forest Service with the Pend Oreille county governments

and health district. Regular updates of community reaction and progress with the project will follow.

2. Contact Federal and State Elected Officials. Send letters to provide information and offer to meet with representatives at both the Federal and State levels, as needed. The letters need to reach these officials at the same time County and Local officials are notified. This will be done prior to providing information to the general public.
3. Contact Kalispel Tribe of Indians. Send a letter to provide information and offer to meet with representatives, as needed. This letter needs to reach the Tribe at the same time County and Local officials are notified. This will also be done prior to providing information to the general public.
4. Advise the general public of the project. Media releases will present factual information about the conditions that exist at Oriole Mine and the timeframe in which cleanup actions will occur. These releases will be designed to inform and not alarm local residents. They will identify ways in which the public can provide input to the project.
5. Contact Special Interest Organizations. Send letters outlining the project to organized groups that have shown interest in Forest Service actions or requested they be informed of new projects or proposals. Provide them with the opportunity to comment on the project or otherwise become engaged.
6. Let the people “set the pace” for the community relations program. After the initial announcement of this project to governmental officials and the public, the Forest Service will monitor the reaction and response to the project to determine the need for additional contact, either by the Forest Service or by other local officials. The level of public interest will determine if public meetings are warranted. The Forest Service will not be overly aggressive in trying to generate interest in this project, but will provide the public the opportunity to get involved and respond according to their level of interest.

TECHNIQUES AND TIMING

- Upon approval of the Community Relations Plan by the Forest Supervisor, prepared letters to local, State, Federal, and Tribal leaders (refer to Appendix A, pages 13-29). The District Ranger and the Forest Spokesperson to met with the County Commissioners at their regularly scheduled commission meeting on September 17, 2007 (refer to Appendix A, pages 30-35). A follow-up communication was made with County Commissioner Ken Oliver who was not at the September 17 meeting (refer to Appendix A, page 36).

- After meeting with the County Commissioners, a letter was sent to Northeast Tri-County Health District on November 30, 2007 presenting them with a package of information detailing the project and test results (refer to Appendix A, page 37). Northeast Tri-County Health District was informed of the proposed timetable for the project and planned actions, and their involvement in the project was invited. Follow-up confirmation of Northeast Tri-County Health District's review of the project was made by telephone on February 6, 2008 (refer to Appendix A, page 38).
- A news release and a Legal Notice were published in the Newport Miner on February 27, 2008 alerting the public to the project (refer to Appendix A, pages 39 and 40). A notification letter was mailed out to all Post Office boxholders in Metaline and Metaline Falls on February 29, 2008 (refer to Appendix A, pages 41). All of these messages were prepared and disseminated after consulting with the Northeast Tri-County Health District. Kim Di Rienz was identified as a contact point to consolidate responses from the public to ensure that no feedback is lost.
- Information repositories were established and maintained at the Sullivan Lake Ranger District Office; the Forest Supervisor's office in Colville; and the Metalines Public Library. Fact sheets, technical summaries, site reports (including the Community Relations Plan), and other key documents for this CERCLA project were placed in the information repositories. The complete Administrative Record File for the project is available on the Colville National Forest Internet site accessible to the public (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>) via computer.
- Progress of the project has been monitored and officials have been provided with regular updates and progress reports. The lines of communication have been kept open to all who desired to be informed of the project and specifically with County officials.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

Additional information about this project can be obtained from the following Forest Service sources. Public response to the project is attached as Appendix B of this document.

- Kim DiRienz, Forest Minerals Administrator (Forest Spokesperson)
Sullivan Lake Ranger District
12641 Sullivan Lake Rd.
Metaline Falls, WA 99153
Phone 509-446-7540
Email: kdirienz@fs.fed.us
- Rod Lentz, On-Scene Coordinator (Technical Contact)
Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forests
1240 South Second Ave.
Okanogan, WA 98840
Phone 509-826-3274

Email: rlentz@fs.fed.us

Information repositories for this project are open for public review at the addresses above or that information can be viewed On-Line at Internet address
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/forest/projects/oriole-mine/oriole-mine>.

ATTACHMENT

LIST OF CONTACTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

A. Federal Elected Officials

Representative Cathy McMorris-Rogers (509) 684-3481
555 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114

Senator Patty Murray (509) 624-9515
601 West Main Avenue
Suite 1213
Spokane, WA 99201

Senator Maria Cantwell (509) 353-2507
U.S. Federal Courthouse
West 920 Riverside
Suite 697
Spokane, WA 99201

B. State Elected Officials

Senator Bob Morton (360) 786-7612
115D Irv Newhouse Building
PO Box 40407
Olympia, WA 98504-0407

Representative Bob Sump (360) 786-7908
406 John L. O'Brien Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Representative Joel Kretz (509) 684-7355
555 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114

C. Local Elected and Appointed Officials

Pend Oreille County Commissioners (509) 447-4119
P.O. Box 5025
Newport, WA 99156

Mayor Walt H. Beam (509) 446-4641
PO Box 85
Metaline, WA 99152

Mayor David W. Meyers (509) 446-2211
PO Box 277
Metaline Falls, WA 99153

Mayor Ed Stambaugh (509) 442-3611
PO Box 498
Ione, WA 99139

D. Forest Service Officials

Rick Brazell (509) 684-7000
Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest
765 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114

Betty Mathews (509) 447-7300
District Ranger
Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts
315 North Warren
Newport, WA 99156

E. State and Local Agencies

Northeast Tri-County Health District (509) 684-1301
240 East Dominion
PO Box 270
Colville, WA 99114

Washington Department of Ecology (509) 329-3400
North 4601 Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Loren Torgerson, Regional Manager
PO Box 190
Colville, WA 99114
509-685-2701

F. Community Organizations, Environmental Groups, and Citizens Groups*

Back Country Horsemen of Washington
Ken Carmichael, President
10804 West 7 Mile Road
Spokane, WA 99224

Metaline Falls Chamber of Commerce
Roy Layton, President
PO Box 388
Metaline Falls, WA 99153-0388
509-446-4012

G. Media Contacts

The Spokane Review
999 West Riverside
Spokane, WA 99201
Attention: James Hagengruber
jamesh@spokesman.com
509-533-7171

The Newport Miner
PO Box 349
Newport, WA 99156
theminer@povn.com
509-447-2433

The Selkirk Sun
selkirksunads@hotmail.com

* Names and addresses of private citizens should not appear in the community relations plan that is released to the public. These names should, however, be placed on a mailing list that is compiled for the project. To protect the privacy of individuals, this mailing list is compiled for the sole use of the Forest Service.

Appendix A

Documentation of Notification Sent to Key Contacts and the Public



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North 4601 Monroe
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If you have questions and/or would like to meet please contact Kim DiRienz, Forest Minerals Administrator, who has been designated Forest Spokesperson for this project at (509) 447-7540 or by e-mail at kdirienz@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



RICK BRAZELL
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Colville, WA 99114

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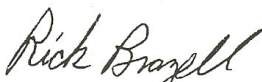
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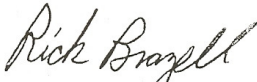
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File Code: 2800

Date: September 11, 2007

Senator Bob Morton
115D Irv Newhouse Building
P.O. Box 40407
Olympia, WA 98504-0407

Dear Senator Morton,

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Sincerely,



RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor

cc: Rodney T Lentz



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Senator Maria Cantwell
US Federal Courthouse
West 920 Riverside, Suite 697
Spokane, WA 99201

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Pend Oreille County Commissioners
P.O. Box 5025
Newport, WA 99156

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Senator Patty Murray
601 West Main Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201

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Representative Joel Kretz
555 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114

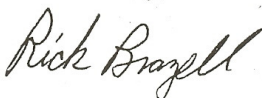
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Date: September 11, 2007

Representative Cathy McMorris-Rogers
555 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114

Dear Representative McMorris-Rogers,

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To: Kim Di Rienz



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10/09/2007 09:32 AM

To "Mike Poulson" <walf@3-cities.com>

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Lentz/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES, Betty A
Mathews/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

bcc Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS

Subject Re:

Mike,

I appologize for the delayed response, but I have been out of the office for the past three weeks. The number to call is listed below in my signature block. I will be out of the office (this time for field meetings) for the next three days. Things should calm down by next week, so it may be your best bet for a call.



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09/20/2007 04:34 PM

To <kdirienz@fs.fed.us>

cc

Subject

I am following up on a letter Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers received regarding clean up of Oriole Mine Site. This is an issue her office would like to keep informed about and may have some questions but when I tried the phone number listed in the letter a message said the number had been disconnected. I would appreciate an opportunity to talk by phone or in person so if you could send a number it would be appreciated.

Mike Poulson
Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Director
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

Cathy McMorris Rodgers provides e-mail updates to keep people informed about her work in the House of Representatives and key issues that are important to Eastern Washington. Sign up to receive e-mail updates by visiting www.mcmorrisrodgers.house.gov.

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02/27/2008 12:28 PM

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Subject Oriole Mine Clean-Up

Mike,

I just wanted to follow-up on the email message I sent to you back in October. You had asked for a phone number to call for information about the Oriole Mine Clean-Up project. In my reply to your message (October 9, 2007), I provided my phone number (see below in the signature block) as a contact for project information. I haven't heard from anyone from Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers' office and wanted to touch base to see if there were any questions I could answer.

If you would like to look at some background information on the project, it is posted on the Colville National Forest internet website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/projects/oriole-mine/index.shtml>). Please give me a call if you have any questions.



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10/12/2007 07:48 AM

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cc: Betty A Mathews/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

bcc: Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS

Subject: Meeting with County Commissioners on Oriole Mine Project

Betty and I met with County Commissioners Dean Cummings and Laura Merrill on Tuesday - Commissioner Ken Oliver was away on vacation. We briefed them on the project and answered their questions. When asked whether they had any recommendations for public notification/involvement, they stated that publishing a notice in the paper should be sufficient. Commissioner Cummings suggested that we emphasize the public safety aspect as well as the fact that access on the main Oriole Mine road (not the 0.25 mile spur to the mine) would not be affected by the project. They said that they only needed to receive further information "as needed" - i.e. if something controversial arises. They will also let us know if they hear of any comments or concerns from the public associated with the project.

Since Commissioner Oliver was not present and the project is in his area of representation, I will be sending him an email to see when I can meet with him to brief him on the project. The other commissioners also stated that Mr. Oliver may know of some mine shafts that should be closed for public safety. Commissioner Oliver grew up in the north end of the County so I hope to find out if there are other mine safety issues to be addressed.

Also, Betty received a call from Mike Denuty (Newport Miner) about the Oriole Mine. When she called him back he indicated that he would like to have information on the history of the mine so that he can put together an article or two on it and the project.

I'll contact Mike and start putting together a fact sheet for him with whatever historical information I can find. Rod & Greg, I would appreciate it if you could send me anything you might have on it as well.



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September 17, 2007

The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.

09-17-07 mtg

(1)

YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$244,038.79.

YTD

(2)

Finance Committee Meeting: Those present were Charlotte Demlow, Dean Cummings and Marianne Nichols.

Finance mtg

(3)

L. Merrill provided a report regarding the Washington, D.C. Fly-In that she participated in to secure Public Law 106.393 funding.

L Merrill-Fly-in

(4)

The Board discussed changing the County credit cards from Bank of America to Mountain West Bank. It was noted the cards would be handled through another bank out of Nebraska so they would not be handled locally. Motion was made by L. Merrill to continue with Bank of America. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

County Credit Cards

(5)

After reviewing the Budget Hearings and other commitments, the Board changed the hearings set for the 18th of October to the 25th of October.

Changed Budget Hrg dates

(6)

D. Cummings provided an update of the breakfast meeting last week with WSAC President, Leo Bowman and Executive Director, Bill Vogler.

D Cummings-Breakfast mtg

(7)

Auditor, Marianne Nichols, and Data Processing Coordinator, Jill Shacklett, provided the Board with documentation regarding the requested Preliminary 2008 budget.

M Nichols-2008 budget

(8)

Steve West, Chief of Communications and Chad Goodhue, IT Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of twenty desktop computers. This computer purchase was specified in the 2007 budget request and is part of the overall computer request. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

S West-OK to buy computers

(9)

Ray King, City of Newport, provided the Board with information and a map regarding Phase 2 of the Calispel Avenue project, discussing a corner offset of Lots 10, 11 and 12 that are owned by the County and have buildings situated thereon. The Board recognized this offset would also resolve safety issues. Ray indicated that he will be meeting with the City Council this evening to discuss this project.

R King-Calispel Ave

(10)

Tom Metzger, Prosecutor, provided an update to the Board on Woodard Road. Also discussed was a concern of K. Oliver's regarding taxable revenue on new construction, as well as Skookum Rendezvous. They also discussed County-owned properties.

T Metzger-update

(11)

K. Oliver shared a communication from Pat O'Leary of the Washington State Department of Transportation Traffic Office regarding Off Road Vehicles and their use on State highways. Tom Metzger will call Mr. O'Leary to get further information.

K Oliver-ORV

September 17, 2007 (continued)

(12)
T Metzger-Mgmt Training Tom Metzger informed the Board that the WCRP-sponsored Risk Pool Management Training in February has been finalized. He also discussed public records training and the importance of a high awareness on public record requests.

(13)
S Patton-RSN, DSHS Steve Patton, Counseling Services Director, met with the Board to provide an update on RSN reserve funds. The Board and Steve also discussed DSHS, indicating that DSHS is assuming Pierce County's mental health program. Steve said that a possible benefit to counties would be an awareness to DSHS of the cost to operate a program.

(14)
S Patton-A-2007-45 Steve Patton presented the Board with Third Amendment to the Agreement Number 0701 with North Central Washington Regional Support Network dated September 21, 2006. This amendment refers to the interagency State only agreement and extends the contract end date by one month for a new end date of October 31, 2007. This also includes an amendment to Section 4.4. Motion was made by K. Oliver to approve the amendment. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by D. Cummings.

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(15)
S Patton-A-2007-46 Steve Patton presented the Board with Third Amendment to the Agreement Number 0702 with North Central Washington Regional Support Network dated August 31, 2006. This amendment refers to the interagency Medicaid agreement and extends the contract end date by one month for a new end date of October 31, 2007. Motion was made by K. Oliver to approve the amendment. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by D. Cummings.

AGREEMENT NO. 2007-46 VOL 27 PAGE 658 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(16)
S Patton-SHB 1128 Steve Patton reported that the Legislature has provided funds under SHB 1128 to mental health staff. Pend Oreille County will receive approximately 5% and these funds are good only for two years. The funds are in addition to the Counseling Services budget and the Legislature has mandated that the funds are to be utilized on salaries for mental health workers.

(17)
Lunch The Board recessed for lunch.

(18)
J Marthaller-Aquamog, River Bend Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board. They spoke about a number of Aquamog issues including State Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife permits. K. Oliver discussed the River Bend Community meeting he attended on Saturday and the land aggregation that affects PUD. Jim also informed the Board he is in the process of applying for a grant to update the Critical Area Ordinance.

(19)
D Ramsey-R-2007-46 County Engineer, Don Ramsey, met with the Board and provided an update of claims and invoices being paid. Don also stated that he has attended a pre-construction meeting for the Pend Oreille Village project. Don provided a resolution to set the speed limit on Lady Court from .00 to .143 mile post to 25 MPH. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

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(20)
R Curren-Expedition, timber sale Public Works Director, Ron Curren, met with the Board and noted that the Expedition requested by the Assessor will have the same rates as the S-10 she presently has. The Expedition will be available this week. Ron informed the Board that Don Ramsey is attending the Transportation Summit meetings this week and Ron will be attending the grant seminar Thursday. Ron also spoke about an agreement with Rustler Gulch and Forest Capital pertaining to easement issues.

(21)
S Gamalielson-revenues Assistant Assessor, Sonya Gamalielson, met with the Board to discuss revenue issues including new construction revenue. She noted personal property revenue has decreased.

(22)
C Demlow-County-owned property Treasurer, Charlotte Demlow, provided listing of County-owned property to the Board.

(23)
Dept Hd Mtg Department Head Meeting: Jerry Weeks, Moira Hemphill, Ron Curren, Teresa Brooks, Steve West, Dawn Taylor, Fred Johnson, Tom Metzger, Marianne Nichols, Jill Shacklett, April Sliva, Tammie Ownbey, Claudia Krogh, Sharon Sorby, Janet Lambarth, Jim Marthaller, Sonya Gamalielson, Charlotte Demlow and Terri Miller were present to discuss the 2008 budget requests in comparison to the expected revenues. Marianne provided handed outs which explained the shortfall. The Board requested the collective input from those present to help balance the budget. Jerry discussed having

September 17, 2007 (continued)

a County charge for licensing RV's and OHV's as most of those people do not live in the County and do not pay taxes. Jill noted a State mandated increase of retirement costs to the County. Tom stated that usually no one thinks the budget balancing is a problem, but it is a different situation this year considering the union contracts. D. Cummings provided a report of the budget, including the Timber fund, stating that by law the budget has to be balanced. They mentioned the Public Law 106.393 funding which includes \$500,000.00 in Road funds. Terri spoke about giving more attention to revenues. Jerry mentioned law enforcement services contracts have been changed to monthly payments instead of quarterly. Terri stated property taxes have a 1% increasing cap, except new construction. Jerry noted all of the funds that go to the State, mentioning for instance, court tickets where \$70.00 goes to the State. He is working to bill the State for some inmate costs. K. Oliver asked the Assessor and Treasurer's Offices some questions. It was also stated that the State receives the bulk of the property taxes collected. Marianne suggested looking at non-mandated funds, to close those accounts and deposit the money into Current Expense. L. Merrill spoke about changes in budgeting documents to make the budgeting process easier to understand.

(24)

It was noted all three of the County Commissioners will be attending the Seattle City Light Reception on September 19 and the Seattle City Light Plaque Dedication on September 20, 2007, but no County business will be conducted. The Clerk of the Board will inform the local newspaper.

Seattle City Light receptions

(25)

Motion was made by L. Merrill to continue the meeting until September 18, 2007. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

Continue

September 18, 2007

The meeting of the County Commissioners was continued in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present. D. Cummings left at 9:50am to attend the International Selkirk Loop Quarterly meeting.

09-18-07

(26)

Personnel Assistant, Shelly Stafford, met with the Board and discussed the Acranet agreement to obtain driving record, back ground and credit checks. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

S Stafford-A-2007-47

AGREEMENT NO. 2007-47 VOL 27 PAGE 660-665 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(27)

Executive Administrative Assistant, Dawn Taylor, met with the Board to provide a report regarding having a County tag system to collect funds for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) signage, law enforcement and other expenses this will bring to the County. Bill Newsome was also present. Dawn noted that the County of Chelan does not have an extra county permit. Yakima has a full web site dedicated to OHV, but they do not seem to have an extra County permit. Bill thought there was a group of agencies in Utah that charge a fee. He also mentioned a challenge to the State of Washington to account for the funds now being collected which are being given to Department of Natural Resources. He stated there is no audit or accountability of these funds. Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (WOHVA) is quite active in lobbying for funds. Dawn will be going to the IAC Grant meeting in Olympia on Thursday. Bill talked about having a kiosk and a self-registration area. He talked about Quartzside, AZ, a town whose population goes from 3,000 to 3 million during OHV season.

D Taylor-OHV

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(28)

Forester Betty Mathews met with the Board to discuss the clean up of Oriole Mine, a lead and zinc mine, located northwest of Metaline. Betty noted the water coming from the mine contains lead. A meeting was set with the Board for October 9, 2007, 2:30pm, with Betty and Kim Dirienz to speak about the cleaning project. Betty also spoke about the Forest Planning meeting tonight in Ione.

B Mathews-Oriole Mine

(29)

Ron Curren met with the Board and discussed a number of issues including the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Ken related issues including the aquamog which were discussed during the recent River Bend meeting. They also discussed having a levy to operate the aquamog.

R Curren-RAC, OHV

(30)

Jeanne McPherson, facilitator for the Forest Service Forest Plan meetings, placed a conference call to the Board to discuss tonight's meeting. She inquired if there were any specific questions or items that the Board would like to discuss.

J McPherson-mtg

(31)

Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the minutes of their September 10, 2007 meeting. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

Min approved

	September 17, 2007 (continued)
	(32)
Advance Travel	Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the following Application for Advance Travel Expense: Alan Botzheim, training, 10-08-07, \$270.00. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.
	(33)
Corr	Correspondence:
	9.38 Jill Jones, DNR-10-18-07 mtg
	9.39 Law Seminars-Air Quality Conference
	9.40 Curt Knapp-River Commission
	9.41 Mary Pat DiLeva, Seattle-Boundary Reservoir Site Tour Summary
	9.42 Dawn Geiger, NCWRSN-Governing Bd minutes
	9.43 Bill Hardy-Friday's meeting
	9.44 Bill Hardy, Friday's Governing Bd meeting
	9.45 Bill Newsome-News Release Calf Killed by Wolf
	9.46 Bill Hardy-Friday's meeting
	9.47 Bill Newsome-WA State Trails Coalition Conference
	9.48 Bill Newsome-County fees
	9.49 Richard Stevens-Voucher approval
	9.50 Ted Hopkins-Voucher approval
	9.51 Mary Lou Peterson-Friday's Governing Bd meeting
	9.52 Bill Hardy-News Release DSHS to assume payment for mental health services in Pierce County
	9.53 Mary pat DiLeva, Seattle-Final Cultural Resources Workgroup Summary
	9.54 Gene Somers-Info request
	9.55 Bob Whittaker-Info request
	9.56 Janice Wrenn-Info request
	9.57 Paul and Joyce Hernandez-Info request
	9.58 Matthew Grady-Info request
	9.59 Carolyn Russell-River Commission
	9.60 Sheryl Campbell-Property Tax Review Newsletter
	9.61 Shelly Stafford-Change Personnel Policy Meeting Date
	9.62 John Halterman-EDC agenda 09-18-07
	9.63 Dave Livingston, Chamber-Heritage Days
	9.64 Mary Hunt-Voucher approval
	9.65 Merrill Ott-Voucher approval
	9.66 Grant Institute-Grant Proposal Writing Workshop
	9.67 Mike Blankenship-Voucher approval
	9.68 Mary Lou Peterson-Voucher approval
	9.69 Liz Braun-COG minutes
	9.70 John Halterman-EDC meeting
	9.71 Lonnie Johnson-EDC meeting
	9.72 NE WA Forestry Coalition-Coalition's "Blueprint", barbeque
	9.73 Rick Brazell, Forest Service-Oriole Mine project
	9.74 State Recreation and Conservation office-Grant resolution extension approved
	9.75 Brandi Collier-RC&D meeting
	9.76 State Liquor Control Board-License
	9.77 Julie Murray, WA Counties-Revenue Request
	9.78 Pioneer Ins-Cert of Liability Ins
	9.79 Jeff Massnick to Seattle City Light-request shoreline between Box Canyon Dam and Boundary Dam be made more recreationally friendly
	9.80 Noxious Weed Board-Agenda 09-13-07 mtg
	9.81 State Gambling Commission-Licenses
	9.82 Rob McKenna, Attorney General of WA-Sept 25-27, 2007 Safety Summit
	9.83 Columbia River Basin Water Management-SEPA
	9.84 U S Postal Service-survey available soon
	9.85 Dept of General Administration-Shoppers for Federal Surplus Program
	9.86 Kathleen Werr-SRFB Project Rankings
	9.87 JoAnn Boggs-NIMS Reports
	9.88 Don Gonzales, Forest Service-Proof of Concept Presentation
	9.89 PUD-Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
	9.90 Rick Brazell, Forest Service-Oriole Mine Site clean up
	9.91 Ferry County Commissioners to Rick Brazell-Proof of Concept
	9.92 Wahkiakum County-Public comment period
	9.93 WA Fish & Wildlife-Aquamog Rotovator Operations
	(34)
Vouchers	As of this date the Board approved for payment the following vouchers as listed and made available by the Auditor's Office:

September 17, 2007 (continued)

Fund	Salary Fund Amt.	Salary Warrant #	Claim Fund Amt.	Claim Warrant #
Current Expense			16,828.71	704846
Counseling Services			6,083.71	
Crime Victims compensation			333.85	
Fair			21,597.09	
Park			214.89	
Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control			124.40	
Road			16,716.43	
Timber Sales			30,000.00	
Extension Education			1,925.20	
Solid Waste			50,416.10	
County Insurance Fund			246,752.18	
Equipment R&R			86,329.42	
Computer Equipment/IT Fund			78.84	704997

(35)

Motion was made by L. Merrill to adjourn. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

Adjourned

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board

To: Kim Di Rienz



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10/12/2007 10:47 AM

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bcc Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS

Subject Oriole Mine Briefing

Hi, Ken,

Betty and I visited with your fellow County Commissioners on Tuesday. We were sorry to miss you, but we didn't realize you'd be on vacation when we scheduled our topic on the agenda. Our main topic of discussion was the planned "cleanup" work at the Oriole Mine. You are probably familiar with that mine, but in case you aren't, it is located just to the northwest of Metaline. The mine is accessed by traveling up Boundary Dam Road, turning left onto the road to the Metaline Cemetery, then turning right onto Oriole Mine Road and finally taking a short spur road in to the mine workings.

As part of our Community Relations plan we wanted to meet with all of the commissioners to brief you on the project and get your input on how best to keep a flow of information between the Forest Service and the public. You should have received the Executive Summary for the project and I left a copy of the description of the proposed work at the Courthouse for you. Please give me a call or send me an email to let me know when we could get together to discuss this. It's not a big project, so we could probably even squeeze in a "meeting" at the train depot in lone before or after the rides. My contact information for work is listed below or you can call me at home at (509) 446-4708.

Thanks!



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Date: November 30, 2007

Jim Sayre
Northeast Tri-county Health District
P.O. Box 490
Newport, WA 99156

Dear Mr. Sayre:

Enclosed for your consideration is a description of the proposed actions for cleanup of the Oriole Mine. The Oriole mine is located approximately 1.5 air miles to the northwest of the town of Metaline. The legal description of the mine is Section 19, T. 39 N., R. 43 E., W.M.

The package includes a copy of the Executive Summary which describes the outcome of an analysis for hazardous substances and a copy of the complete Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment. Also included is the description of the proposed action – Alternative 2.

Prior to announcing the proposed action to the public, we are touching base with our local elected officials and the Health District to see if there are any areas of concern that should be addressed in the project design. When the proposed project design is "finalized" we will then be sending out a press release for public notification and response.

If your review of the package raises issues or concerns for the Health District, please contact Kim Di Rienz, Forest Minerals Administrator. Please let Kim know if there are no concerns too. She can be reached at the Sullivan Lake Ranger District, 12641 Sullivan Lake Road, Metaline Falls, WA 99153, phone (509) 446-7540, or email kdirienz@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

BETTY A. MATHEWS
District Ranger

Enclosures

cc: Kim A DiRienz, Glenn Koehn, Rodney T Lentz



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Record of Call _XX_ or Visit ____

Date: February 6, 2008

Time: 0845

Called/Visited by: Jim Sayre, WA Dept of Health

Discussion: Jim called to relay a message that Jim Matsuyama had reviewed the proposed project to clean up the Oriole Mine site and that he had no issues with it.



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Comments sought on Oriole mine clean up

COLVILLE – The Colville National Forest is proposing a project that would clean and restore the Oriole Mine site, located about 1.5 miles northwest of Metaline.

The proposed project would remove building material, equipment and debris from the site.

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the mine.

Interested citizens have until April 28 to provide comments on the EECA, which includes a human health and ecological risk assessment for the Oriole Mine. Copies of the EECA are available for review at the Metalines Community Library and the Sullivan Lake Ranger District office in Metaline Falls. A copy is also at the Colville National Forest Headquarters in Colville and online at www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville.

Written comments can be sent to: Rick Brazell, forest supervisor of the Colville National Forest, 765 S. Main St., Colville, WA 99114. E-mail comments may be sent to forest minerals administrator Kim Di Rienz at kdirienz@fs.fed.us. For additional information contact project coordinator Rod Lentz, Wenatchee National Forest, at 509-826-3274, rlentz@fs.fed.us.

pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, RCW 42.30.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2008.

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200883 LEGAL NOTICE

USDA FOREST SERVICE, Colville National Forest, 765 South Main, Colville, WA 99114

For immediate release

Date: February 22, 2008

Subject: Forest Service Plans Cleanup and Reclamation of Oriole Mine

Contact: Donna Nemeth, Colville National Forest, Public Affairs Office, 509-684-7177

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to allow vehicle access and would be closed upon completion of the project. No other changes would be made to access in that area.

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This notification letter was mailed out on February 29, 2008 to all Post Office boxholders in Metaline and Metaline Falls.

February 29, 2008

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To: Kim Di Rienz



Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS

10/12/2007 11:39 AM

To theminer@povn.com

cc Betty A Mathews/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES, Glenn
KoeHN/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES, Rodney T
Lentz/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

bcc Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS

Subject History of Oriole Mine

To: Mike Denuty

Attached is a report prepared by Rod Lentz, Area Mining Geologist, about the history of the Oriole Mine. It includes photos that were courtesy of Tony Bamonte. This report is in a pdf format, but you might be able to contact Tony to see if he can send you scanned images of the photos.



History_of_Oriole_Mine.pdf



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Appendix B

Public Input Received

To: Kim Di Rienz



"Connie Hobbs"
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To: <kdirienz@fs.fed.us>
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Subject: Oriole Mine

Kim Di Rienz

Forest Minerals Administrator

US Forest Service

Metaline Falls WA 99153

March 27, 2008

Kim-

I question the necessity of the proposed project at the Oriole Mine site near Metaline. After studying the EECA I am further convinced that this is an unnecessary proposal.

The study was quite clear that no public drinking waters were threatened. The study also states that there is very little human traffic to this area. This abandoned mine site is no real threat to anyone or anything. I didn't find the data in the EECA study that shows any test samples having been taken above the mine site. It would be beneficial to see if there are natural mineral contaminates not associated with the mine site.

I became saddened when I read what they proposed for Road Construction and Decommissioning. It offends me to find large rocks blocking roads in our National Forests. I have been to the Oriole Mine site. I probably go there once a year. I consider myself a local history buff. If this project goes through, it'll be the end of another historic site of the early Metalines Mining industry. Many years ago the Forest Service tore down dozens of homesteader and trappers cabins, another piece of our short history removed.

To: Kim Di Rienz

So, where does it stop? Every roadway, house, school, and park in the north end of Pend Oreille county is built upon the gravel we call "mine waste". The potential for contamination is all around us. Oriole Mine is no more of a threat than walking down any street in our towns. The minerals listed in the study can be found at nearly every mine site in our county.

Please just leave nature to reclaim the area in her own time. There is no harm being done to humans or animals the way it is now. This area does not need to be micro-managed.

Thank-you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Connie L Hobbs

PO Box 151

Metaline WA 99152

Record of Call XX or Visit _____

Date: April 4, 2008

Time: 1010

Called by/Visited: Don Egbers, Metaline, WA Police Commissioner

Discussion: Mr. Egbers was calling to see what level of motor vehicle use would be associated with the Oriole Mine Clean-up project this season. He is putting together a traffic management plan for a project the Town of Metaline will be involved in and he thought that there would be heavy equipment use of Boundary Dam Road and Oriole Mine Road this year. I explained that most of the actual clean-up work is planned for 2009.

Mr. Egbers then provided some input to the project. He said that he fully supports the bat-friendly closure gates that were installed on the adits.

He stated that the road to the mine should not be completely closed, but should be saved as a trail to the site. He said that the ore bin should be removed and the "mill dump" should be covered and planted.

He said that the Oriole mine itself was a "clean" mine in terms of water and air, but was unsafe inside because of timbers and side walls.

He stated that nearby Linton Creek is not the water source for the town of Metaline. They are on an artesian system.

Mr. Egbers said that the mine was operated mainly for gold and silver and that zinc was a product from the milling operations.

He shared some sources for historical information about the mine:

Marshall J. Hunting

Bulletin 36, The Metal Mines of Washington. There are two parts Non-Ferrous and Ferrous. The Oriole Mine would be listed under Pend Oreille County – gold.

Professional Paper 202 by the USGS (dated 1943) – available through the WA DNR library at Lacey, WA

Ding and Whitebread, 1956 (is listed in the bibliography for the EECA)

Pardee, 1921, WA DNR Geologic Report

Pardee. 1924, USGS Geologic Report

1904 Report by the Congress of the United States "Minerals West of the Mississippi."

Congressional Report 1887-1898 by W. Vladamar Lindren

Pend Oreille County Mineral Report from 1941 "Mineral Reserves of Pend Oreille County"



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To: Kim Di Rienz



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To: Kim A DiRienz/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

cc: Gregory B Graham/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

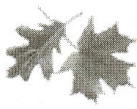
bcc:

Subject: Re: Call from Egbers on Oriole Mine Project

Kim, all the references except the last one are listed in the my PRP report. I think the last one (Pardee) is actually WDGER Bulletin 23, *The Metal Mines of Washington*, by Ernest N. Patty, 1921. If he looked at his own reference documents he would find that gold was a very minor ore value, recovered values were primarily silver, zinc and lead.

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To: Rodney T Lentz/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

cc: Gregory B Graham/R6/USDAFS@FSNOTES

Subject: Call from Egbers on Oriole Mine Project

Attached are my notes from a phone call I had earlier in the month with Don Egbers regarding the Oriole Mine Clean-up project. The references at the end are pretty sketchy 'cause he was just rattling them off quickly. Let me know if you would like me to get more information on any of them. I would also be interested if you have a more accurate or complete citation for any of them so I can look them up and add them to my file.



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